

BAD BERLIN BANDITS, TERROR OF MINERS, CAUGHT BY POLICE

Three Notorious Schiemann Brothers Captured Owing to Overconfidence.

NET OUT FOR THE OTHERS

Thugs Frequent Streets and Doctors Are Urged to Carry Lanterns.

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Habitues of Berlin's luxurious night restaurants are breathing freer once more now that the police have managed to capture the notorious Schiemann brothers, leaders of a gang which for weeks terrorized localities where the lights burn brightest. With four comrades, all dressed in sweaters and baggy clothes, the Schiemann brothers would enter a restaurant and demand a private room and a champagne dinner. Then they would proceed to eat and drink and play cards. When playing their bill was mentioned they would draw revolvers, sandbags and brass knuckles and march away, threatening to murder the proprietors of the place if they notified the police. The fear of the thugs was so great that restaurant proprietors actually kept silent, with the result that the police had the greatest difficulty finding clues to the men.

A chance to break up the gang presented itself, however, when Erich Schiemann, with unfortunate bravado, appeared at Police Headquarters here to inquire whether rumors that he was wanted were true. He was clapped into a cell immediately. The police also found his brother Karl, known as "Karl the Boxer," was due to attend a trial in the Moabit court house and took him in charge. Since then "Gustav the Dog," as the third member of the gang, named Gustav, was called, has been arrested and now three others are being sought. Word has reached the police that the remaining members of the gang are armed and that they will resist arrest with all the means at their disposal.

From well known criminals there is coming to the police a stream of letters threatening dire revenge on the flying squad, unless the Schiemann brothers are set free.

The success with which the Schiemann brothers manoeuvred is characteristic of Berlin at night in these times. Anarchism of the times is the advice offered by Berlin newspapers that doctors should carry lanterns on night calls bearing the inscription "doctor on the glass," so that they will be let alone by thugs. This solution is proposed to remedy the decision by a large number of medical practitioners not to venture out after dark because of the ever increasing peril.

FRANCE FALLING BACK IN POPULATION RACE

Birth and Marriage Rates Are Behind Germany's.

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There is mourning in the ranks of the French eugenicists, who last year prophesied France would overcome the shrinkage in population through the increasing post-war birth rate.

The prediction seemed well founded in 1920, when war time marriages began to produce results, but statistics now being prepared for this year show a 10 to 15 per cent. decrease from last year's figures with a tremendous drop in the number of marriages.

Across the Rhine Germany is keeping up her reputation for a high birth rate, every male child being a potential soldier, even if the size of the German army has been cut down by the Treaty of Versailles.

VENDOR OF CHESTNUTS ONCE ON CZAR'S STAFF

Found Earning Scant Living Before Paris Theatre.

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Another instance of how Europe's turmoil has reversed the social classes was revealed this week when it was discovered that a Russian Colonel, who was a member of the Czar's staff, has for several weeks earned a precarious living by selling chestnuts outside of a small theatre in the popular Belleville district.

His identity is not revealed, but the chief subject of gossip in Russian circles here. He was despondent when discovered by a former Lieutenant-Colonel and threatened to commit suicide, but finally was persuaded to accept an invitation for a month's rest on the Riviera, after which he will try to regain confidence in his own ability in the private office of a French automobile manufacturer who has become interested in his plight.

PARIS RIVER BOATMEN HAVE FLOATING CHURCH

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After a long hiatus caused by the war the French mariners' floating church in the form of a cannibal named "Morning Star" has resumed service and is attracting much attention from those who pass by the banks of the Seine adjoining the Palace of Justice. It is a strictly Catholic enterprise, carried on with funds supplied by the friends of Mr. Platau, who himself conducts masses thrice daily in the tiny chapel, which never lacks a congregation.

During the war the children of the river mariners lacked for both secular and religious education while their parents were compelled to remain on their boats wherever they were moored. Thus the only source of religious consolation was from priests who occasionally made the rounds of the river banks and canals.

To-day, however, they can perform their religious duties as soon as they reach Paris in the mariners' church, while on Sundays, dressed in their best clothes and ribbons, men and women alike spend hours singing psalms and hymns and playing the organ and piano in the magnificent Cathedral of Notre Dame.

FINED IN BERLIN FOR NOISE MADE IN WALKING ON FLOOR

Writer Complains of Shock From Hearing Tenant Living Above and Latter Is Enjoined With Penalty of 1,500 Marks for Each Violation.

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It is an expensive luxury to walk across a carpetless apartment in Berlin with one's shoes on. One court case has gone so far as to set a scale by which 1,500 marks fine is charged for each such adventure.

This decision by the court was the result of a feud between two writers who lived in the same apartment in only three of his five rooms, and the other, who lived in an apartment below, suffered a nervous shock from the resulting smash of footsteps. He insisted that his neighbor, when he entered his house after 10 o'clock at night, take off his shoes at the front door and don slippers. When this

neighbor declined to do this the nervous neighbor appealed to the courts and was granted an injunction against unnecessary sound, with a penalty of 1,500 marks for each violation.

Then the man upstairs, who thought the price exorbitant for an occasional promenade in his own house, asked that the injunction be removed. He brought forward witnesses that he lived in an existence of exemplary silence and even challenged his neighbor downstairs to let an outsider come in a few days and see just how noiseless he was.

But then the man downstairs told how he fled nights from one room to another trying to snatch a little sleep while boots pounded on the parquet floor above him. The judge made the injunction permanent.

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The gift of their entire collection of art and bric-a-brac, valued at 3,000,000 francs, to the city of Paris by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tuck assures in perpetuity to the French nation many paintings, pieces of upholstery and porcelain which have long been sought by American amateur connoisseurs.

The collection is to be placed in a special gallery in the Petit Palais, for which Mr. and Mrs. Tuck have provided 1,000,000 francs for upkeep.

Apart from Greuze's painting of Benjamin Franklin, which is a curious collection of portraits of illustrious Americans, including a small portrait by Duplessis, a plaster statuette by Caffieri which was ordered by the King for the purpose of copying for his Sevres collection, a terra cotta bust by Houillon dated 1778 and several terra cotta medallions and a wax bust by Mme. Tussaud.

The tapestry division includes a series of Psyche hangings and one of Beauvais, which was said to have come from the collection of the Duke of Marlborough.

Furniture with Beauvais tapestry includes a sofa and six chairs, with subjects taken from the fables of Lafontaine, with rare specimens of carved and gilt woodwork after designs by the noted Falconnet, besides a sedan chair made by Jervin for the niece of Louis XIV, and a Louis XV, rosewood chest with fine gilt bronzes.

The Tuck porcelain collection comprises a large number of Chinese pieces and is said to be one of the finest in the world, with rare specimens from both the Kanghi and Yunchan periods.

An unusual feature of the collection is that it contains forty-seven watches, all in gold cases, richly enameled, dating from the beginning of the reign of Louis XIV. to the end of the eighteenth century, mostly of Parisian manufacture.

BISHOP REBUKES VICAR FOR SPEECH BY DOYLE

'Real Grief' Is Caused by Novelist's Presence in Pulpit.

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Because he allowed St. A. Conan Doyle to occupy the pulpit of Oxford Church, the Rev. G. Vale Owen, vicar of the church, has been sharply rebuked by the Bishop of Liverpool. The Bishop calls the action "a real grief" to him, "however much I may regret your advocacy of Spiritualism and the articles you have published in the press, I have never lost my regard for you as a good man and an able writer."

Although Conan Doyle did not actually speak on Spiritualism, the Bishop thinks he used words directly bearing on it which he said that he and those of his faith who desired to restore the spirit life in England regarded Oxford Church as the lighthouse to lead them to higher and purer planes.

The Bishop said that these words and the permission given a layman to speak in the church without the Bishop's consent "caused great distress and scandal in all directions." The vicar of St. Peter's, who is the vicar of the church, is discussing the letter about the attitude of the Bishop "very extraordinary and un-Christianlike."

CULT OF QUEER RAGES IN LONDON DECORATION

Vases and Mirrors Discarded for Bottles and Jars.

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A cult of queerness has invaded the home and has disturbed all recognized schemes for the decoration of rooms. Pictures, family photographs, silver vases and framed mirrors are discarded from the home by the mistress who wants to be up to date. Mildred has even discarded flowers unless they are of a queer variety. The chic bedroom is becoming especially queer, being largely decorated with bottles and jars filled with highly colored powder and placed on brackets against the wall. The flowers used are often made of bits of colored glass.

All the old trifles are brushed from the dressing table and "the thing of beauty" is considered to be, for instance, a jar filled with tomatoes plucked in early youth and allowed to dry. The vividly colored powder bowls are smothered with bows of purple, green and yellow ribbon and absurd figure on the handles of the bowls are all the rage.

ARREST VENDETTA FAMILIES.

NAPLES, Oct. 29.—As the only way to end a vendetta which in the last six years has been a constant cause of murders, the Naples police have arrested two families numbering forty persons.

In 1915 a De Lucia boxed the ears of a Florillo. The latter family decided that the insult must be washed out in blood, and since then the De Lucias and the Florillos have shot and stabbed each other at sight.

The only members of the two families who remain at liberty are two small children, a boy and a girl. It is stated that as they are proving affectionate playmates the police hope that a romantic solution of the feud may ultimately be found.

FOREIGNERS BANNED IN RHINELAND SHOPS

Fine and Jail Are Penalties Set by Provincial President.

BERLIN'S CRISIS PASSES

People Buy Because They Fear Paper Money Will Become Valueless.

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Rhineland shops have been closed to foreigners until November 5 by order of the provincial president. Only visitors who can prove that they have urgent personal need for articles are to be permitted to buy them. Exemption is provided for permanent foreign residents, the armies of occupation and members of commissions. A penalty consisting of fine and imprisonment is prescribed.

The German press has been filled with complaints from the border districts about the inroads of foreigners who swarm across the frontier and literally buy out the shops. Jewellers in Weisbaden closed their doors for a few days in order to save their stocks.

The Pfalz wine harvest has virtually all been sold to Belgians and French, while the Germans are incapable of competing. The state has interceded on the Swiss frontier and has forbidden the carrying of goods across the border by travellers without a permit.

At Coblenz the American soldiers of the army of occupation joined in the rush of Germans and persons from neighboring countries to make purchases because the mark began its fast decline. In several instances the largest stores in Coblenz were forced to close for hours because they were jammed with patrons. They were kept closed for days until their shelves were restocked.

Berlin shopkeepers say that the crisis has been passed here and that the "auverkauft" or selling out is not so acute. But business continues to be unprecedently heavy. Clothing stores are limiting to one the number of suits or garments sold to a single purchaser, and often have to send customers away empty handed because they are sold out and the wholesale houses have been unable to keep up with the orders.

The prices rise with each new lot received, but the sales continue the same as before. Much of the buying is being done by Germans, who themselves fear that the paper money may have no value later, and they prefer to invest it in actual values. The heavy trading set in a few weeks before the mark collapsed.

PRINCESS DANCED BACK ESTERHAZY FORTUNE

She Made Large Sums in South American Bulet.

VIENNA, Oct. 29.—The secret of the sudden change in the fortunes of Prince Esterhazy zu Galantha, who was thought to have been ruined by the loss of his estates during the war, has been explained by the return of the young Princess Marie Esterhazy from South America, where she earned a king's ransom in an Austrian money and dancing school.

Prince Esterhazy and his family recently surprised Vienna by restoring his mansion to its former dignity. Mysterious rumors that the Esterhazys were in league with supporters of the ex-emperor gained currency, and police were detailed to watch the family. It then became known that large sums of money came to the Esterhazys from an unknown source, and after strict investigation it was found that the money came from Buenos Aires.

It gradually leaked out that Princess Marie, who was known before the war as the "Madcap Princess," was in South America dancing in a ballet at a weekly salary of thousands of Austrian crowns. Since then she has been an absorbing interest to impresarios in Vienna, and, according to the *Nova Prole Presse*, Franz Lehar (the composer of "The Merry Widow") danced her an engagement as leading dancer in his new opera.

Princess Marie was banished a few days before the war to a cottage on the Esterhazy estates in Hungary for offending the Emperor Francis Joseph by giving a masked ball in Vienna to every officer who had fought a duel. The matter was still under discussion when war was declared.

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A public letter signed by Premier Lloyd George, Herbert Asquith, Lord Grey, Lord Robert Cecil, John Robert Clynes and Sir Hubert Gough, representing nearly all political factions, makes a stirring appeal for funds to carry on the work of the League of Nations Union. It says that without considerable donations the league must curtail many of its activities. The appeal is for a million pounds, or "just the cost for maintaining one capital ship for a year."

The letter goes on to say that "if the world will but rally to the League of Nations a substantial reduction in armaments will be possible. We shall save the million pounds many times over in taxation, to say nothing of what we will gain in security and happiness."

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BIG REVIVAL IN LONDON OF STUDY OF GERMAN

Business Chances Said to Be Cause of Move.

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A remarkable revival in the study of German here is revealed by the report of the School of Languages. Last year Spanish was the fashion, because so many were looking to South America as the country of the future, but now that language has dropped in popularity, French, as always, holds first place, but German is a good second.

The professor explains this by saying that there are many openings in the business world here for men with a knowledge of German in cases in which employers do not wish to engage ex-currency labor. He says that the increase in applicants for the German classes came with astonishing suddenness.

SAYS ENGLAND HAS BAD JAWS AND TEETH

Dr. Harvey Campbell Tells Institute of Hygiene of Reforms.

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England has the worst jaws and teeth in the world, according to Dr. Harry Campbell, who, in a lecture before the Institute of Hygiene, said: "There are 200,000,000 carious teeth in this country."

He started to lecture on headaches, but in dwelling on the causes, of which he said the chief was defective teeth, he practically abandoned his main theme for the one which he called more urgent.

"There is no reason why everybody should not go to the grave with perfectly good teeth," he said. "Food that needs hard chewing is the best preventive for diseases like pyorrhea, a disease which at the present afflicts every Briton over 40. The British eat too many soft, useless puddings. There is no sane reason why we must have toothache pudding twice daily."

The doctor said that headaches were not brain aches because the brain is so insensitive to pain that if it is cut no pain results. Headaches, he said, are caused by membranes and overlying parts. He pointed out that savages who get no starchy foods are never troubled with headache and diseased teeth. The English, he added, must choose at an early age between the proper diet and manufactured plates for their mouths.

HAS HIS OWN BOY FINED FOR PLAYING ON SUNDAY

Londoner Calls Crowd of Lads Intolerable Nuisance.

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James Ponting summoned eleven boys, including his own son, before the Marylebone station police court for playing football in a public garden on Sunday.

He called them intolerable nuisances, and said that he had dealt personally with his own boy and wanted all punished together. Accordingly they were all fined.

BRITISH MINERS ASK NEW COAL SUBSIDY

Markets Glutted, Buyers Wary and Outlook Is Seen as Dubious.

WANT £89,000,000 AID

Cessation of Government Control Leaves Industry in Chaotic Condition.

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With the chaotic condition of the coal industry due to the relinquishment of government control and the disastrous eleven weeks strike last spring English miners have now submitted to the Government a new scheme for revival of the industry which involves financial help from the Government to the extent of £89,000,000.

In order to restart the industry and create a demand for coal which is glutting depots and wharves it is proposed that the maximum price for industrial purposes should be fixed at 80 shillings a ton, while the Government for a certain period would make up the difference to the owners and the railways which would transport it at a greatly reduced figure.

The chief contributing cause to the failure of last June's settlement has been the unfulfilled expectation for an improved demand which in turn is due to high prices. There is widespread unemployment among the miners, their pay is not satisfactory, prospects are uncertain and altogether the men are again growing restless despite their unfortunate experience earlier in the year in trying to force the Government's hand. In June Parliament voted £10,000,000 to prevent undue reduction in wages to the end of September, when the miners estimated that the industry would be out of the depressed period, and £3,000,000 of this remains unexpended.

The principal objection to the plan of the miners is that such a guaranty would plunge into a new and very close control of the industry in order to make sure that its contributions were devoted exclusively to reduction in prices. The disadvantages of such a control are well understood, and it is considered unlikely that the Government will accept the plan.

The supply is greater than the demand and a reduction in price at a time when prices generally are falling is not considered a permanent solution of the troubles of the industry. The owners consider the miners' new scheme as simply a camouflaged plan for further subsidizing the wages of the miners and maintaining them at an uneconomic level. They point out further that the Government's contribution will have to come out of industry and taxation. They argue that the Government might as well subsidize all industries if this will revive trade. They insist that the plan is merely a second subsidy which will last another three months when they predict a third will be needed.

Both sides are getting their guns set in a way that shows clearly that the English coal trouble is far from settled. The miners struck last autumn, again in the spring and now are again causing the Government serious concern.

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